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SENATOR COORDSEN: It's my understanding that you've opened, spoken two...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no. No, no. The Speaker said, if you speak in less than two minutes, it's not counted against you. Now, if you're going to overrule the Speaker, then just tell me. But that's why I limited my remarks to that less than two minutes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator, Senator Chambers, I believe what the Clerk was informing me of was you opened yesterday on this particular amendment. The Speaker granted you two minutes to bring the Legislature up to speed, which is outside of any...any time limit prerogative of the Speaker. Then you've spoken two times on this amendment. And so, according to our rules, there is closing left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then if somebody had spoken three times yesterday, they cannot speak three times today? Today I'm on the same footing as any other senator, I believe. And I'm going to challenge the Chair, if that's your ruling. We're going to have it out. I need a ruling first.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Just a second, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, would you have a moment? In checking the rules, we find that a speaker is entitled to speak three times on a subject in a legislative day. The opening was yesterday, which was a separate legislative day. Therefore, Senator Chambers is entitled to speak one more time on this amendment at this stage of debate. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I would like to continue my discussion with Senator Brashear, if I may. Senator Brashear, are you willing to continue the discussion?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, is part of the public policy of this state the statutory language which would void